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Claims 1, 3, 5-17 and 50 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the suggestions made by the Examiner. Claim 51 has been canceled without prejudice.

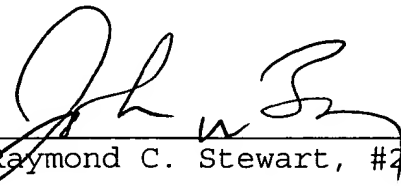
Since all issues have been addressed, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Raymond C. Stewart (Reg. No. 21,066) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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